

Information On Cats

Cats

Cats owners must abide by The Cat Act 2011.

Registration

All cats over the age of six months must be registered with the City. Registration helps you to recover your cat if lost and assists the City to encourage responsible cat ownership. It is a condition of the registration that the cat is both sterilised and microchipped. Registrations are due on the first of November each year and remain current for one or three years, or for lifetime. A person under the age of 18 years cannot be the registered owner of a cat.

The owner of a cat must ensure that when the cat is in a public place that it is wearing its registration tag at all times.

Registration Fees

Per Annum	3 Years	Lifetime
$20	$42.50	$100

Valid pension card holders are entitled to a 50% fee reduction.

In addition to the registration fee, cat breeders must also pay a Breeder's Fee of $100 per cat (male or female). The Breeder's Fee is valid for one year from the date of approval and is payable in conjunction with the cat registration fee.

Sterilisation

All cats over the age of six months must be sterilised unless:

- You can present a signed certificate from a veterinarian stating that sterilisation will adversely affect the health of the cat;
- The cat is owned for breeding purposes by an approved cat breeder and the Breeder's Fee has been paid.

Cat Identification & Microchipping

The City registration tag must be attached to the collar. All cats over the age of six months must be microchipped unless:

- You can present a signed certificate from a veterinarian stating that microchipping will adversely affect the health of the cat (such a certificate can not apply to a cat if it is under the age of six months).

Permit to keep more than two cats

The Local Law restricts the number of cats that may be kept at a particular property to two. Cat owners need to apply for a permit to keep more than two cats. The fee payable for the application is $90. All cats must be registered, sterilised and microchipped.

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Wandering Cats

To protect local fauna the City encourages cat owners to contain their cats to their property at all times. Further measures to protect fauna include attaching a small bell or mirror to your cat's collar.

Cats found wandering in a public place or private property without the property owner's consent can be seized by a City Ranger and may be impounded at the Animal Care Facility. Impounded cats will not be released unless they are microchipped, desexed and registered with the City or within the district in which they are normally kept.

Animal Care Facility (Pound)

Animals lost, wandering or seized by Rangers may be impounded at the City of Busselton Care Facility. Pictures of impounded animals are posted on the City's website.

Contact Hours

Monday to Friday: 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays are by appointment

Fees

Impound Fee (first three days)	$198
Sustenance Fee (each day after three days)	$33

All fees are payable at the City Administration Building and your cat must be registered prior to the collection. Fees and registration (if required) can be paid at the Animal Care Facility on weekends and on public holidays. Note: cash only payments and the correct amount must be provided as no change is available.

Proof of registration, sterilisation and microchip confirmation must also be provided. Cats will not be released to owners if the owner does not have an adequate carrier to contain the cat when collecting.

Checklist for Responsible Owners

- My cat is sterilised and microchipped;
- My cat is registered with the City;
- My cat wears the City registration tag and has a microchip that will provide my name and address when scanned;
- My cat has regular flea and worm treatments, health checks and vaccinations;
- My cat does not wander from my property and is contained either inside my house or in a cat run;
- My cat is discourage from hunting native fauna in my yard with the use of a small bell or mirror attached to a collar; and
- My cat has an owner who is prepared to learn how to care for its health and understand its behaviour.

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